

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

FEB 03 2009

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

H. TAKAMURA

Attorney Docket: 28984.0051

Application No.: 10/577,312

Filed: April 28, 2006

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING CAM SHAFT, CAM SHAFT,
AND CAM LOBE MATERIAL USED IN SAME

STATUS INQUIRY LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It would be appreciated if you would indicate the status of the above-identified application below, including an indication as to when the next communication can be expected, and communicate said information to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPTOE & JOHNSON LLP



Roger W. Parkhurst
Registration No. 25,177

Date: February 3, 2009

STEPTOE & JOHNSON LLP
1330 Connecticut Avenue NW
Washington DC 20036-1795
Telephone: (202) 429-3000
Facsimile: (202) 429-3902

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that the attached correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at Facsimile Number (571) 273-8300 on February 3, 2009.

By: 
Donna Joy

* Telephone or facsimile responses to Status Inquiries should be directed to the IP Docket Specialist.